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OUR WORK.

The House of Education is closed from August 1st to September 15th. Letters relating to the *House of Education, Parents' Review School, Mothers' Educational Course,* Governesses, etc., cannot be answered or received between those dates.

**Register of Schools, some classes of which work in the Parents' Review School and are tested by P.R.S. Examiner:—*

School.	Girls or Boys.	Principal.	Classes Working in P.R.S.
High Cliff School, Scarborough	Girls	Miss Field Hall	Class II.
S. Cuthbert's, Twickenham	Girls and small boys	Miss Gayford	Classes Ia. and II.
Uplands House, Swansea	Girls	Miss Maud	Classes Ib., II., III., IV.
S. Hilda's Prep. School, Purley	Girls and boys	Miss Nesbit	Classes Ia., Ib. and II.
Wootton Court, Wootton, near Canterbury	Boys (preparatory).	H. G. Underhill, Esq.	Classes Ia., Ib., II. & III.
37, Sloane Street, London, S.W.	Boys (preparatory).	C. H. Gibbs, Esq.,	Classes Ib. and II.
Fridhem, Heacham, King's Lynn	Girls	Miss Beck,	Classes Ia., Ib., and III.
14, Chilworth Street, Westbourne Terrace, W.	Boys	J. O. M. Thomas, Esq.	Classes Ia., Ib., II. and III.
Lindum House, Bexhill-on-Sea	Girls	Miss Richardson	Classes II. and III.
St. Anselm's, Bakewell	Boys	W. Storrs Fox, Esq.,	Classes II. & III.
Edgehill, Peak Hill, Sydenham, S.E.	Girls	Miss Levick,	Classes Ia., Ib., II. & III.
83, High Street, Lewes	Girls	Mrs. Fawssett	Ib., II. & III.

P.N.E.U. Literary Society.—Subject for September: Shelley, *Mont Blanc;* Coleridge, *Hymn at Sunrise in the Vale of Chamouny;* Byron's *Childe Harold,* Canto III., Stanzas lxxxv. to xcviii. inclusive.

P.N.E.U. Translation Society.—Subject for September: Aus Weber's *Demokrit I. Band Das Lachen.*

C. Agnes Rooper, *Hon. Sec.,*
Pen Selwood, Gervis Road, Bournemouth.

From whom all particulars may be obtained.

* The Committee take no responsibility with regard to the schools except as far as the above statement goes: due enquiries should be made by Parents. Prospectuses can be had on application to the Office.

THE "P.R." LETTER BAG.

[*The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of Correspondents.*]

Dear Editor,—I hope very much to compile for the Parents' Union a list, to appear in print before the present-giving Christmas season, 1904, as a little pamphlet, of books children should know and take delight in. As far as possible, I shall try to divide the list into sections, according to children's ages. This task of making a list for a child's library, though it sounds so easy, is in reality rather difficult. Many good books—dear, long ago, to myself when young—are out of print now, while with many of the very new books I ought perhaps to recommend I am personally unacquainted. Will any readers of the *Parents' Review* kindly help me by sending me a few suggestions? Even should they suggest books I have already noted down, that thought need not deter them, it is just as likely that I shall have omitted some juvenile classic that could ill be spared, of which their reminder will be valuable indeed. If twenty parents, teachers, or general readers would each suggest only three books they would really treasure for a child's reading as being lovely and of good report, there at once will be sixty good gifts for this list, the making and promulgation of which I have much at heart. I earnestly ask my fellow-members of the Union to give me their help and co-operation in the matter before the present summer holidays end.

I remain, dear Editor,
Yours sincerely,
Florence Mary Parsons.

Address:—
Mrs. Clement Parsons,
12, Warwick Road.
Paddington, London.

Dear Editor,—May I call the attention of your readers to the fact that the office will be closed from July 30th to September 7th inclusive, and that no library books can be taken out between these dates; important letters will be forwarded.

Yours sincerely,
F. Noël Armfield, *Sec.*

26, Victoria Street, S.W.

P.N.E.U. NOTES.

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To whom all Hon. Local Secs. are requested to send reports of all matters of interest connected with their branches, also 6 copies of any prospectuses or other papers they may print.

N.B.—Kindly write on one side of the paper only.

NEW BRANCHES.

The Executive Committee has been approached with a view to starting Branches in the following places:—

Bradford.

Cardiff.—Names may be sent to Mrs. Hamilton, Blackladies, Dynas Powis.

Dunfermline.—Mrs. Beveridge, Pitreavie, Dunfermline, would be glad to hear from people interested.

NOTTINGHAM.
SURBITON.
SWANSEA.

Readers of the *Parents' Review* living in these districts, or having friends there, are asked to communicate with Miss Armfield, 26, Victoria Street, S.W.

BELGRAVIA.—A meeting was held by Mrs. Franklin on Tuesday, July 19th, at Mr. Gibbs' school in Sloane Street. About fifteen mothers were present. Mr. Gibbs explained his reasons for starting a *Parents' Review* class in his school, and said that he had thought that possibly the mothers of the children attending his school might like to know more of the P.N.E.U., so he had asked them to come that morning to hear Mrs. Franklin explain the aims and methods of the Union. Mrs. Franklin then gave an address of three-quarters of an hour, most admirably lucid and most inspiring, and at the close seven new members joined the branch, and one lady asked for all information to be sent her, with a view of starting a branch at Buenos Ayres, where she returns in the autumn.

DERBY.—On August 5th (at the kind invitation of the Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Linton), an excursion was made to Shirley Vicarage, to receive botanical instruction from Mr. Linton (author of *Flora of Derbyshire*). It had been arranged for the 4th, but a severe thunderstorm prevented its accomplishment. The postponement somewhat diminished the party, but about twenty young people and their parents were able to go, and most thoroughly they enjoyed it. Arrived at Shirley Vicarage, they found on the lawn a table with a large number of wild flowers arranged in order upon it. There were three rows. The first represented the artificial system of Linnæus; the second the natural system of Jussien De Candolle; and the third the new system (initiated by a German), which it is thought will revolutionize and sweep away all former ones. In this system, which is founded on principles of evolution, composite flowers are given the post of honour, as having achieved the condition of providing the greatest benefit to the greatest possible number. Mr. Linton's quite informal address evoked much interest, the flowers being handed round for examination as he proceeded. Through the kindness of Mrs. Linton the party then enjoyed tea on the lawn, and afterwards Mr. Linton conducted them round the garden, in which he had coaxed many floral treasures and rarities to grow. During the drive home the members expressed their appreciation of the time and trouble Mr. Linton must have spent on their behalf, and which had resulted in such an instructive and enjoyable visit.

READING.—*Natural History Club.*—On Saturday, July 16th, the riverside walk at Theale took place, in beautiful but very hot weather. We were pleased to have our President, Mrs. Hart Davis, with us, and the fourteen members who braved the heat were well rewarded by spending an especially pleasant afternoon. The time was spent by the canal until 5 o'clock, when all walked to the Falcon Inn for tea. The flowering rush was the great find of the afternoon, but many specimens of "Water Babies" were found, under the direction, principally, of Miss Hamilton.

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WHAT ARE OUR MOST SUICIDAL DEFECTS?

BY G. E. TROUTBECK.

I AM conscious that the title I have given to my paper is not an exuberantly cheerful one,—but I trust that the contents will prove less doleful than the name. In choosing this subject, I have been anxious to throw out suggestions for subsequent consideration and debate, rather than to deliver a set lecture. I have desired, if possible, to elicit the opinions of others rather than to air my own. But an opener of debate has the privilege—and, indeed, the duty—of expressing his or her views, if only with the purpose of stimulating and provoking opposition. I cannot but suppose that many here will differ substantially from my conclusions, and it should be interesting to find out how the matter presents itself to minds of very varying constitution.

In order to guard against any misapprehension at the outset, it may be well to mention that the defects to which reference is to be made are not specially *national*, or English, in character. Reflections on purely national peculiarities are not, perhaps, very useful. They seem apt to degenerate into criticisms of our neighbour on the one hand, or into superfluous self-depreciation on the other. If allusions to one or two of our more salient national defects occur later on, it is in spite of a conviction that the human heart is very much the same all the world over.